

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 33 and continuing through page 2, line 5 as follows:

However, it has been observed that certain active ingredient substances may undergo a chemical reaction in the presence of lactose and other reducing sugars. For example, it was reported by Wirth *et al.* (*J. Pharm. Sci.*, 1998, **87**, 31-39) that fluoxetine hydrochloride (sold under the tradename PROZAC® ~~Prozac®~~) undergoes degradation when present in solid tablets with a lactose excipient. The degradation was postulated to occur by formation of adducts via the Maillard reaction and a number of early Maillard reaction intermediates were identified. The authors conclude that drug substances which are secondary or primary amines undergo the Maillard reaction with lactose under pharmaceutically relevant conditions.